

Size: 135 acres
Mission: Provided administrative and logistical support and housing; nonexcess property currently used as an Army Reserve enclave.
HRS Score: NA
IAG Status: None
Contaminants: Fuel hydrocarbons and metals
Media Affected: Groundwater and soil
Funding to Date: \$1.7 million
Estimated Cost to Completion (Completion Year): \$0 (FY1998)
Final Remedy in Place or Response Complete Date for BRAC Sites: FY1998
Final Remedy in Place or Response Complete Date for Non-BRAC Sites: FY1998



Bayside, New York

Restoration Background

In 1995, the BRAC Commission recommended closing Fort Totten except for use as an enclave for the U.S. Army Reserve.

In 1989, the installation initiated a broad Installation Restoration Program. The Army conducted several preliminary studies, including groundwater sampling at the former landfill area and soil sampling throughout the installation, at locations with the potential for contamination. The installation completed several Interim Remedial Actions and removals. The actions including removing and replacing polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB)-containing transformers, removing and replacing tanks, removing petroleum-contaminated soil, and removing asbestos from family housing.

In FY95, the installation initiated an Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS), which identified seven areas on BRAC property that required further evaluation. In FY96, the installation submitted a draft EBS report to the regulatory agencies for review. An unexploded ordnance archive search was performed, along with a limited field survey.

In FY97, the Army completed the EBS and began an Environmental Investigation. The BRAC cleanup team (BCT) was able to expedite document review by implementing a 15-day review process. The Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for Fort Totten reviewed technical documents and responded to public comments on environmental issues. The BCT was able to coordinate with RAB members in making decisions. The Army identified 100 acres of CERFA-uncontaminated acreage at the installation for transfer. The appropriate regulatory agencies approved this designation.

FY98 Restoration Progress

The installation investigated Little Bay sediment. The Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) program will address any further issues concerning the bay. Cleanup of the Old Fort Area was completed. The installation tested four USTs for leaks and determined that removal is not necessary. It also determined that further monitoring of groundwater wells was unnecessary. The installation received regulatory concurrence on the remainder of the CERFA-uncontaminated acreage.

Plan of Action

- Prepare finding of suitability to transfer and supporting EBS in FY99
- Complete assessment of cultural resource issues and sign programmatic agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office in FY99
- Complete final Environmental Assessment for disposal and reuse action in FY99

SITES ACHIEVING RIP OR RC PER FISCAL YEAR

